

## **Meeting Minutes (Final)**

### **Frederick County Sustainability Commission**

**Wednesday September 15, 2010**

**3:00 pm**

**Third Floor Meeting Room, Winchester Hall, 12 E. Church Street, Frederick, MD**

**Present:** Don Briggs, Lisa Gaver, Rich Maranto, Winifred Palmer, Fred Ugast, Catherine McKalip-Thompson, Steve Chafitz, Mark Lancaster, Kim Roberts, Janice Wiles, Margie Lance and Will Morrow. Staff: Hilari Varnadore

#### **1. Call to Order and Welcome**

Chairman Don Briggs called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

#### **2. Administrative Items**

Review and approval of July minutes. Winnie made the motion to approve the minutes, Fred seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **3. Introduction of Guest, Colby Ferguson, Office of Economic Development**

Colby stated agriculture is very strong in Frederick County. The drought has damaged corn and hay crops this year. Washington, Carroll and Frederick Counties supply the State of Maryland with milk. Frederick County is rated number one in the State for organic and beef production. Crop farming consists of corn, soy beans and barley.

#### **4. Composting update from Steve Cassis and Bob Black**

Composting was discussed among the Commission. Bob Black stated the “stink bugs” are ruining crops in Frederick County. There have been fifteen states affected by these insects and there is discussion concerning an emergency bill in Congress to deal with this the same as it would be for a hurricane.

#### **5. Commission Member Comments**

Rich reminded the Commission of the solar tour October 2 and 3. Janice noted the roundtable discussion at the Unity Church on West Ninth Street on Sept 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30. There was discussion about net zero energy homes.

#### **6. OES Updates:**

Greenhouse Gas Report Update by Kelli Goetz – reviewed the report that was presented to the Board of County Commissioners. It was noted that next time, it would be presented to the Commission first and then a recommendation would be given to the BOCC.

Sustainable Action Plan Update by Hilari – noted the action plan was presented on August 26<sup>th</sup> to the BOCC and was adopted unanimously and also by resolution.

Green Homes Challenge Update – Lisa Orr noted the green homes challenge program is moving forward utilizing DOE grant funds. Fred made a motion to endorse the Challenge, Will seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

## **7. Election of Officers**

Don opened nominations for the position of chair. Fred nominated Don and Winnie seconded the motion. Don was elected as chair by unanimous vote. The unanimous approval of Fred to remain as vice chair followed.

**8. Upcoming Events:** OES will have a booth at the fair this year. The Commission members were invited to stop by. Energy Awareness Month activities are planned for October including a Proclamation on 9/28; Live Green Save Green fall energy workshop at the Home Depot on 10/10/10. Staff noted that a tour of Montgomery County's solid waste facilities was planned for October; details would be forthcoming.

## **9. Adjourn**

Margie made a motion to adjourn, Will seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Fayne Lebherz

Accepted by the Sustainability Commission on 10/20/2010.  
*Motion Lance, Second Morrow. All in favor.*